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The submitted proposals would be evaluated by the following jury panel.

# Internal Partners of the FTalliance Consortium

### DARIA CASCIANI

## Assistant professor, Politecnico di Milano

PhD in Design, Assistant Professor at Politecnico di Milano, Design Dept, where she teaches in the Design for the Fashion System Program (BA and MSc). Her research interests mainly concern the influence of technological innovation of advanced manufacturing and technological integration and the consequent transformations that allow to imagine scenarios, systems and innovative solutions that generate, innovation, social acceptance and cultural enhancement. She collaborates on research projects focused on the emergent Fashion-Tech sector. She is the project manager of the European Project FTalliance.

## **ALESSANDRA SPAGNOLI**

# Assistant professor, Politecnico di Milano

PdD in Design and Technologies for the Enhancement of Cultural Heritage, Assistant Professor at Politecnico di Milano, Design Dept. She is part of the "Design and Cultures" research section and Faculty Member of the School of Design, Politecnico di Milano, where she teaches in the Design for the Fashion System Program (MSc). Her research interests mainly concern the management of design-driven enhancement processes in terms of strategies, methods, and actions in the CCIs sector, the exploration of new paradigms, narrative structures and languages in retail and exhibit design, and the experimentation of new trajectories and technologies for the enhancement of cultural capital.

#### **MYRIAM VANNESTE**

# R&D Manager, Centexbel

Myriam Vanneste is the R&D manager Textile Functionalisation & Surface Modification at Centexbel based in Belgium. She holds a Master in organic chemistry and a PhD in polymer chemistry that dealt with the melting, crystallization and semi-crystalline morphology of ternary polymer blends. A postdoc on compatibilisation of immiscible polymers blend was supervised by KULeuven and Centexbel in cooperation with a textile extrusion company. She started at Centexbel as researcher on textile extrusion and yarn processing topics and has a such been involved in the management of various national and international research

projects. Since 2006 she is the head of the R&D group working on finishing and coating of textiles, currently leading a team of 11 people investigating following topics:

- Bio-based binders, additives, dyes, inks
- Smart and e-textiles by coating and screen printing starting from the development of the formulation over application to testing the properties
- Functional coatings (antimicrobial, anti-fouling, flame retardant, ....)
- Alternative drying and curing technologies: IR, UV, LED, e-beam
- Thermoset and thermoplastic coatings, prepregs and composites
- Reach compliant coatings and finishes
- Circular economy by using recycled materials as coating binder as well as development of recyclable coated materials

### ENRICO COZZONI

## R&D Director, (Pangaia) GZI

Enrico has an MSc in Aerospace Engineering, a BSc in Mathematics, and PhD in Industrial Engineering. He works for GradoZero from 2011, as main responsible for R&D projects. His skills and competencies are strongly related to innovative high-tech and advanced materials, composites, hybrid (nano-)composites, metamaterials, stimuli-responsive materials, functional and meso- porous materials, nanomaterials (Si, C, h-BN, etc.), graphene and structured carbons, biomaterials and biocomposites. He is strongly skilled in technical fibres, including carbon, quartz and basalt fibres, and in surface engineering technologies. His competencies extend also to systems and life cycle engineering, with a strong experience in digital manufacturing, applied to several fields and industrial domains, including 3DP/AM, loT and I4.0. In his consulting work and research activity, he also deals with photo-assisted and photocatalytic technologies, mainly applied to (bio-)fabrication. He is an expert in (bio)sensors and sensing technologies, including wearable sensors and loT devices.

#### ALEXIO CASSANI

## Partner and CEO, Stentle

After graduating in Computer Engineering in 2003, Alexio Cassani was CTO of Webscience (a spin-off of the Politecnico di Milano), during which he managed numerous projects including ECDL Testing Automated System (used in Italy, South Korea, Colombia and South Africa) and e-commerce projects for fashion brands such as Tod's and Zegna. Since 2012 he has been CTO of Fashionis, a startup of the Ferragamo family, and CTO of Doing Digital Agency. In 2015 he founded Stentle, an innovative startup that deals with retail and e-commerce innovation, of which he is Partner and CEO. Stentle has been part of the M-Cube group since January 2019.

## FRANCESCA BONFIM BANDEIRA

## Product Specialist, Stentle

Designer. She graduated in Design for the Fashion System (2019) at the Politecnico di Milano with a research thesis on the use of technology to support the dialogue between the fashion system and consumer in the Smart City. The interest in new technologies led her to collaborate as a research fellow with the design department of Politecnico with FoReSeE, a research observatory on retail innovation. At the same time, she began working for Stentle as an associate retail consultant. Now she works at Stentle as product Specialist, combining the world of research and the development of innovative solutions for the Company.

### CINZIA D'AGOSTINO

# CEO, Pespow

Cinzia D'Agostino is Pespow Spa CEO and Founder of the Working Room Project. Her primary objective is to help people and organisations to work more effectively because she firmly believes that working well is an art that produces wellbeing for individuals, workplaces and society as a whole. In order to do so successfully, she has developed a range of skills and competencies, namely: strategic and organisational change management, planning, management control, skill and potential analysis, business planning and coaching. She has also delved into areas such as psychology, philosophy and sociology applied to the corporate world. She has deliberately chosen to alternate senior corporate positions with consulting and training roles to gain first-hand experience from difference perspectives of the issues involved in strategic and organisational change management. She is convinced that many principles, methods and values are common to both individuals and organisations, especially when it comes to responsibility, proactiveness, ongoing innovation, result and added value orientation as well as the quest for partnerships and strategic alliances.

# **External Partners to the Consortium**

## **ALEX DELZ ERINLE**

# CEO, Thrill Digital

Alex Delz Erinle is a lifelong student of Innovation & Entrepreneurship with a background in Economics and Masters degrees in Marketing Management and Innovation & Entrepreneurship. In the past, he's worked at companies like BT & Conde Nast as a user experience designer getting mentorship from product innovators, and learning how to design products to be used by millions of people at the highest of standards. He's has now founded Thrill researching and designing new product ideas using web 3 technology like Gaming, Voice, Crypto and Extended Reality (AR/VR) to play a part in the creation of a more immersive & decentralised web experience otherwise known as the Metaverse.